Listing of Claims

1 - 2.(withdrawn):

3. (previously presented): A method in a data processing system having versions of a plan, each reflecting an instance in an edit history, the method comprising the steps of:

storing indications of the versions of the plan; and

displaying the versions of the plan in a sequential manner to simulate animation of the edit history;

wherein said displaying is visually distinctive as a function of frequency of change in the edit history.

4. (original): The method of claim 3, wherein the step of storing indications of the versions of the plan comprises the steps of:

storing versions of a task of the plan; and

creating a link from the plan to the versions of the task.

5. (original): The method of claim 3, wherein the versions of the plan reflect an activation of the plan.

6. (original): The method of claim 5, wherein the plan comprises a plurality of tasks, and the indications of the versions of the plan comprise the states of the tasks.

7. (original): The method of claim 6, wherein the state comprises an unexecuted state.

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8. (original): The method of claim 6, wherein the state comprises an executing state.

9. (original): The method of claim 6, wherein the state comprises an executed state.

10. (original): The method of claim 3, wherein the indications of versions of the plan reflect a modification to the plan.

11. (original): The method of claim 3, wherein the versions of the plan are displayed in reverse order.

12. (original): The method of claim 3, wherein the display comprises a Gantt chart.

13. (previously presented): A method in a data processing system having versions of a workflow, each reflecting an instance in an edit history, the method comprising the steps of:

storing indications of the versions of the workflow; and

displaying the versions of the workflow in a sequential manner to simulate animation of the edit history;

wherein said displaying is visually distinctive as a function of frequency of change in the edit history.

14. (original): The method of claim 13, wherein the step of storing indications of the versions of the workflow comprises the steps of:

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storing versions of an activity of the workflow; and

creating a link from the workflow to the versions of the activity.

15. (original): The method of claim 13 wherein the indications of versions of the workflow reflect a modification to the workflow.

16. (original): The method of claim 13 wherein the versions of the workflow are displayed in reverse order.

17. (original): The method of claim 13 wherein the display comprises a flow diagram.

18-27. (withdrawn):

28. (previously presented): A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a data processing system to perform a method, the method comprising the steps of:

retrieving a plurality of plans generated from a workflow; and

displaying each of the plans in a sequential manner to simulate the generation of the plans from the workflow; wherein said displaying is visually distinctive as a function of frequency of change in the plans.

29. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 28, farther comprising the steps of: receiving an indication of a rate of display; setting a time period equal to a reciprocal of the rate; and pausing for the time period before displaying each of the plans.

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30. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the plans are displayed in reverse order.

31. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the display comprises a Gantt chart.

32-37. (withdrawn):

38. (previously presented): A data processing system comprising:

a secondary storage device further comprising a workflow;

a memory device further comprising a program that retrieves the workflow from the secondary storage device, that creates versions of the workflow, wherein each version reflects an instance in an edit history, that stores the versions of the workflow on the secondary storage device, and that displays the versions of the workflow in a sequential manner to simulate animation of the edit history; wherein said displaying is visually distinctive as a function of frequency of change in the edit history; and

a processor for running the program.

39. (original): The data processing system of claim 38, wherein the program displays the versions of the workflow in reverse order.

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40. (original): The data processing system of claim 38, wherein the program displays the versions of the workflow as flow diagrams.

41. (previously presented): A data processing system comprising:

a secondary storage device further comprising a plan;

a memory device further comprising a program that retrieves the plan from the secondary storage device, that creates versions of the plan,

wherein each version reflects an instance in an edit history, that stores the versions of the plan on the secondary storage device, and that displays the versions of the plan in a sequential manner to simulate animation of the edit history; wherein said displaying is visually distinctive as a function of frequency of change in the edit history; and

a processor for running the program.

42. (original): The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the program displays the versions of the plan in reverse order.

43. (original): The data processing system of claim 41, wherein the program displays the versions of the plan as Gantt charts.

44. (previously presented): A system having versions of a plan, each reflecting an instance in an edit history, the system comprising:

means for storing indications of the versions of the plan; and

means for displaying the versions of the plan in a sequential manner to simulate

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animation of the edit history; wherein said displaying is visually distinctive as a function of frequency of change in the edit history.

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